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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449, as well as copies of the listed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and signs the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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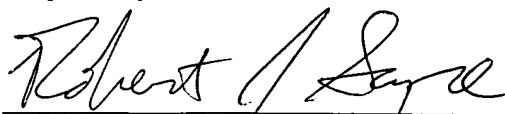
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17561-069.

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Modified Form 1449/PTO (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Cited References A1-A16 and B1; and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 17561-069. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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